

If the true purpose of this mandatory record rule is to PREVENT indecency on the air, then there is a better way than mandatory recording. But if this regulation is designed to simply CATCH the offenders than what better proof would there be than a taped version. The problem with this approach is that nothing has changed. It still doesn't keep the indecency off the air. This rule generates revenue in fines but doesn't the indecency rule, as it is, now do the same thing? Stations willing to pay the fines will continue to air indecent material.

Any time the burden of proof switches from accuser to the accused I can't help but feel democracy itself has been violated. Isn't this, in a round about way, doing that?

If eliminating indecency on the air is truly a concern then let's educate our broadcasters as to what is and what isn't acceptable, and educate our listeners as to how they can report, on a local level, what stations they consider to be offenders. Indecent materials or offensive remarks are not accepted on our stations and those announcers who feel they must express themselves in that way are dismissed. End of problem! To ask every broadcaster to record programming everyday is a too burdensome of a task, and offers another loophole for those willing to pay the fine rather than comply.

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